



California Regional Water Quality Control Board Central Coast Region



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REQUEST FOR INFORMATION AND STATEMENT OF INTEREST

Central Coast Region Irrigation and Nutrient Management Program

Program Concept

Consistent with our Vision of Healthy Watersheds and our Conditional Waiver for Irrigated Lands, the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Coast Water Board) is seeking opportunities to develop and implement a Central Coast Region Irrigation and Nutrient Management Program. This program would directly implement the most important pollution prevention strategy, irrigation and nutrient efficiency, to address discharges from irrigated lands on a regional, watershed-based scale. The Central Coast Region has significant, widespread nutrient and toxicity water quality problems, as evidenced by the Central Coast Ambient Monitoring Program (CCAMP), the agricultural cooperative monitoring program, and other monitoring efforts.

Much of this pollution is associated with the intensive farming that occurs in the Central Coast region. More than any other management practice, the broad-scale adoption of proper irrigation and nutrient management practices stands the greatest chance of ameliorating current high nutrient concentrations, reducing toxicity, and reducing overdraft and subsequent seawater intrusion. The primary program objective is to reduce water, nutrient, sediment and pesticide run-off into surface and groundwater within the Central Coast region, by providing expert technical assistance to support farmers in implementing effective irrigation and nutrient management practices. Key program elements include:

- Program development,
- Regional and watershed program coordination and management,
- Irrigation efficiency assessments using Mobile Irrigation Labs,
- Trained irrigation and nutrient advisors, agronomists,
- Targeted and focused implementation of best management practices, and
- Monitoring and reporting.

Disclaimer

This announcement is not a Request for Proposals and shall not be construed as a commitment by the Water Board to award a contract or contracts at this time.

Request for Information

Interested parties are invited to submit a Statement of Interest of no more than four pages. This Statement should (a) indicate the party's interest in irrigation and nutrient management in the Central Coast Region and include the party's name, telephone number, mailing and email addresses, and (b) provide information concerning the party's ability to perform the program service(s) required, which include the party's qualifications, geographic focus, related projects, and other pertinent information.

Submission Date

Submissions received or post-marked not later than **April 15, 2008** may be considered as potential program participants. Submissions received after April 15, 2008 will also be reviewed on a rolling basis.

Submission Address

Interested parties may direct questions and submit the requested information and Statement of Interest to:

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Additional Information about the Central Coast Water Board

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